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"C" seems to be "ante" de Bruyne why is this?
 I expect because my letter was "ante" Van't Sant
 J. C/D The letter was written by ACSS
 anyway!!

Thank you very much for your letter CD/3444
 of October 9th.

From what I hear, things are not too happy in Dutch Government circles anywhere. Of course you realise that Colonel de Bruyne's statements are apt to be tainted, as are the statements made by various Dutch officers about de Bruyne. I believe the idea that Van't Sant has "three or four private agents in Holland", with whom he communicates, is rubbish. He may have, and probably has, some vague postal contacts via Lisbon or Switzerland. They all do. But when you say he does this without the knowledge of the Dutch Government, I should think this is incorrect, in that the Queen, who is the head of that Government, knows everything that he does.

*This is merely
 an assumption*

I note what you tell me about the meeting arranged with Gubbins and Whitney Shepardson. My impression was most strongly that Whitney Shepardson has nothing to do with S.O.E. work, but merely S.I.S. However we will speak to him about that and any statements de Bruyne has made.

In conclusion, I have no doubt that Colonel de Bruyne is trying to get behind Van't Sant's back, or behind the backs of any other Dutchman who is likely to get his job. On the other hand, several others are probably reciprocating in full. Is not this a state which exists with every emigré Government now in London? We have to accept it as one of the burdens we have to bear.

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